Regulation of self-financing institutes

3591. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to regulate mushrooming of self-financing institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) At present, private universities are regulated by the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation, 2003. However, in respect of the Deemed-to-be-Universities, the UGC has constituted an Expert Committee that has prepared draft UGC (Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities) Regulations, 2008. Similarly, technical institutions are regulated by the "All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Grant of approval for starting new technical institutions, introduction of courses or programmes and increase/variation of intake capacity of seats for the courses or programmes and Extension of approval for the existing technical institutions Regulations, 2006".

Malpractices in evaluation of answer papers

3592. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any chance of malpractices in the evaluation of answer papers of public examinations;

(b) whether there has been a study by an Expert Committee on this and if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) whether there could be a device to ensure transparency in evaluation of examination papers and avoid public criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The evaluation system of answer papers of examinations conducted by the examining bodies under this Ministry is objective and transparent and there is a constant endeavor to ensure that the system remains reliable and creditable.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Study on doctorate

3593. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the study on doctorate, of late, has become almost a formality in case of certain selective cases who are resourceful;